

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please rewrite the paragraph on Page 1, lines 4-7 as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/940,770, filed August 29, 2001, now pending, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/285,463, filed April 2, 1999, now ~~allowed~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,284,840, the ~~disclosure~~ disclosures of which ~~[[is]]~~ are incorporated by reference herein in ~~[[its]]~~ their entirety.